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September 04, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	CRIMINAL NO. 4:24-561
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v.)	
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ANAS SAID,)	
Defendant)	
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PROTECTIVE ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the government's *Ex Parte, In Camera*, and Sealed Motion for a Protective Order Pursuant to the Classified Information Procedures Act ("CIPA") Section 4 and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d)(1), filed August 18, 2025 (the "Government's Submission").

The Court has reviewed the Government's Submission, CIPA, and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16. Having considered the Government's Submission, including the memorandum of law in support of the motion and the other accompanying attachments, the Court **GRANTS** the government's motion in its entirety.

The Court finds that the Government's Submission was properly filed *ex parte* and *in camera* for this Court's review pursuant to CIPA Section 4 and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d)(1).


On the basis of the Court's independent review of the Government's Submission, the Court finds that the government has made a sufficient showing that the information at issue was classified pursuant to Executive Order 13526 and its predecessors, and that its disclosure could cause serious damage or exceptionally grave damage to the national security of the United States. The Court further finds that the government properly invoked the provisions of CIPA and its classified information privilege as to the information referenced in the classified order.

Accordingly, it is:

ORDERED that the government's motion for a protective order in the Government's Submission is hereby granted; and it is further,

ORDERED that the Government's Submission is hereby sealed, and shall remain preserved in the custody of the Classified Information Security Officer, in accordance with established court security procedures, to be made available to the appellate court in the event of an appeal.

SO ORDERED this 4 day of Sept 2025.



HONORABLE DAVID HITTNER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE